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In Re Application of:

Richard D. Haun

Serial No.: **10/814,464**

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For: **Floating Platform with Storage
Tanks for Compressed Gas
and/or Hydrate Forms of
Hydrocarbons**

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Examiner: **Tara L. Mayo**

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**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF SUMMARY OF
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW OF MARCH 8, 2006**

Sir:

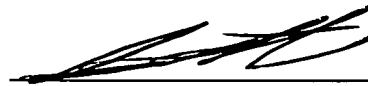
In response to the Examiner's requirement in the Interview summary mailed March 14, 2006, Applicant presents the following summary of the substance of the interview with the Examiner on March 8, 2006:

A telephonic interview was held on March 8, 2006 between Examiner Tara Mayo and Applicant's representative Shawn Hunter. Claims 1 and 14 were discussed. Mr. Hunter contended that the combination of the Parsons and Ulbrecht references would be unobvious because the Ulbrecht reference, while acknowledging the existence of, teaches against the use of an environmental boundary for the circulation of fluid to control

temperature within a tank. The Examiner indicated that she could not commit to allowing any of the claimed subject matter over the phone, but would fully consider the argument in a written response.

Respectfully submitted,

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